PLANT FACT SHEET

Uraria crinita (L.) Desv. ex DC.

GENUS *Uraria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cat's tail, Cattail pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5-2 m tall. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves have 1-3 leaflets. The leaflets are finely hairy underneath. The flowers are pink or purple. Many flowers can occur together in a dense, erect raceme. The fruit are pods which have 5-7 joints. They are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows below 850 m in Southern China. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 6 Uraria species. The whole plant is used medicinally. Also as Papilionaceae.

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